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RESEARCH CONTRACTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has awarded research contracts to Consultants, NGOs, Academic and Research Organizations etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the progress made in this regard;

(c) whether the research contracts are illustrated on the website of the Ministry;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the internal process in deciding the topics of the research contracts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): The Planning Commission under its Socio Economic Research (SER) Scheme provides grants-in-aid to Research Organizations/Universities/ Academicians / Researchers for undertaking research studies which are relevant for the programmes and policies of the Planning Commission.

(b): The list of research studies approved during the last three years (2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06) and the progress made in this regard is at Annexure I, II & III respectively.

(c)&(d): The completed research projects along with the reports are illustrated on the website of the Planning Commission.

(e): The proposal received in Socio−Economic Research (SER) unit is examined in consultation with the subject matter division and the concerned Member in the Planning Commission to examine the relevance of the subject for the programmes and policies of the Planning Commission. The proposal is also examined by the Internal Finance Cell of the Planning Commission for examination of the financial aspects. After which the proposal is placed before a committee of Group-of-Advisers (GOAs) under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary / Secretary of the Planning Commission. The minutes of their meeting are placed before the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission for approval before approving the research study.